(vii) Special workshop were organized on the threat status of vultures and their habitats.

Pollution in rivers due to municipal waste and sewerage

2134. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rivers in the country are being becoming more and more polluted due to discharge of municipal waste and sewerage;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps as the Traditional Japanese never discharged waste into the rivers; and

(c) the details of the cost that may be required for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for diverting and treating the municipal waste in 157 towns along 31 polluted stretches of major rivers in 18 states. The sewage after treatment is used for irrigation, wherever feasible. A total of 782 projects have been sanctioned under NRCP at a cost of Rs. 3081.89 crore.

National Environment Action Plan

2135. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new National Environment Action Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the difference between the new and old 'Action Plan';

(d) whether any provision has been made for providing funds to SPCB under new action plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor?